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SALMON DELEGATION

- 1. VISIT TO USSR OF U.S. SALMON DELEGATION UNDER GENERAL EXCHANGES AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH MEETING JULY 31 AT RSFSR MINISTRY OF FISHERIES.
- 2. MINISTER VANYAYEV AND U.S. DELEGATION HEAD HUTCHENS REACHED INFORMAL AGREEMENT THAT FUTURE COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD WOULD PROCEED

IN TWO STAGES.

- 3. FIRST STAGE WOULD INCLUDE AGREEMENT ON SCHEDULE FOR EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS, AS WELL AS THE ACTUAL EXCHANGE OF SUCH DOEUMENTS. THIS FIRST STAGE WOULD RUN TO THE END OF 1976.
- $4.\ \mbox{IN SECOND}$ STAGE, TO BEGIN IN FIRST QUARTER, 1977, FISHERIES EXPERTS UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD UNDERTAKE WORKING VISITS TO BOTH COUNTRIES, EACH VISIT TO INCLUDE NO MORE THAN TWO EXPERTS, TO LAST FROM TWO WEEKS TO SEVERAL MONTHS, TO INVOLVE EXTENDED STAYS AT ONE OR FEW LOCATIONS, AND TO INVOLVE ACTUAL FIELD WORK AND/OR JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS OF A SPECIFIC AND LIMITED NATURE.

5. AS NO DOCUMENT WAS SIGNED AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT, USFWS MAY WISH TO MAKE THE INFORMAL AGREEMENT A MATTER OF RECORD, THAT IT MAY SERVE AS A BASIS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT, TO THIS END, HUTCHENS MAY WISH TO INITIATE AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH VANYAYEV TO CONFIRM THIS AGREEMENT IN WRITING.

6. HUTCHENS INVITATION FOR SOVIET FISHERIES DELEGATION TO TRAVEL TO U.S. IN OCTOBER 1976, TO VISIT GREAT LAKES SITES WAS DECLINED BY VANYAYEV. VANYAYEV NOTED THAT LACK OF SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO PLAN VISIT OCCASIONED HIS REFUSAL. COMMENT. IT IS LIKELY THAT UNAVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AT THIS TIME TO FINANCE VISIT AND UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE COMMITMENT TO RECEIVE U.S. DELEGATION IN RETURN WHICH ACCEPTANCE OF HUTCHENS' INVITATION WOULD NECESSARILY ENTRIL, ALSO INFLUENCED VANYAYEV REFUSAL.

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